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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.(original) Preparation for topical use containing benzyl nicotinate and having the function of combating and/or delaying hair loss, characterised in that its composition comprises:

- two amino acids, hydroxyproline and aspartic acid, complexed with a silanol,
- an enzyme activator, comprising octyl butyrate.

2.(original) Preparation according to claim 1, the composition of which also includes glutamine peptides.

3.(currently amended) Preparation according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, the composition in which also comprises pantenol.

4.(original) Preparation according to claim 3, characterised in that its composition comprises:

- a) octyl butyrate in an amount between 0.001 and 0.2% by weight,
- b) glutamine peptides in an amount between 0.001 and 0.2% by weight,
- c) monomethylsilanol-hydroxyproline aspartate in an amount between 0.001 and 0.5% by weight,
- d) benzyl nicotinate in an amount between 0.05 and 0.15% by weight,
- e) pantenol in an amount between 0.05 and 0.5% by weight.

5.(original) Preparation according to claim 4, in which a liquid vehicle, one or more perfumed substances and preservatives are added.

6.(original) Preparation according to claim 5, to which ethyl alcohol, water, menthol and preservatives are added.

7.(new) Preparation according to claim 2, the composition in which also comprises pantenol.